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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S EXPORTS AND IMPORTS -- AUGUST -- PROVISIONAL

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PASS TREASURY AND FEDERAL RESERVE

1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE CUSTOMARY DETAILS ON AUG TRADE
PROMISED IN PARA 7 REFTEL. END SUMMARY.

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2. FOLLOWING ARE AUG PRELIMINARY CUSTOMS FIGURES

PRESENTED IN DOLLARS; EXCHANGE RATES USED BY MOF IN
 PRESENTING DATA ARE YEN297.98 PER DOLLAR FOR EXPORTS AND
 YEN298.08 FOR IMPORTS. PRELIMINARY UNADJUSTED CUSTOMS DATA SHOW
 GLOBAL EXPORTS \$5,030 MIL (YEN1,498,946 MIL) UP 68.5 PERCENT
 FROM AUG 1973 AND IMPORTS \$5,132 MIL (YEN1,529,685 MIL)
 UP 48.9 PERCENT. IMPORT FIGURES BY PRODUCT SHOW THAT
 WHILE CRUDE OIL AND COAL HAVE THE MOST DRAMATIC INCREASES
 FROM THE AUG 1973 LEVEL (UP 192.5 AND 147.2 PERCENT,
 RESPECTIVELY), INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES (UP 66.0 PERCENT) HAVE
 ALSO ADDED SUBSTANTIALLY TO JAPAN'S IMPORT BILL. ITEMS
 SHOWING LARGE EXPORT GAINS INCLUDED MOTOR VEHICLES (UP
 72.7 PERCENT), IRON AND STEEL (UP 145.7 PERCENT), CHEMICAL
 PRODUCTS (UP 138.7 PERCENT), AND SHIPS (UP 73.7 PERCENT)
 FROM AUG 1973.

3. BY AREA:

	PERCENT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE		
	EXPORTS FROM	IMPORTS FROM		
	(IN \$MIL) AUG '73	(IN \$MIL) AUG '73		
ADVANCED AREA	2,406	54.5	2,102	19.8
U.S.	1,185	57.7	994	28.1
W. EUROPE	757	37.5	419	8.2
DEVELOPING AREA	2,260	75.5	2,774	89.5

THERE WAS LITTLE CHANGE IN THE PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF
 EXPORTS, BY REGION.

	U.S.	W.EUR.	DEV. AREA	OTHER
JUNE	24.4	13.8	45.1	17.0
JULY	23.4	15.0	45.9	15.7
AUGUST	23.6	15.0	44.9	16.5

4. BY SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION:

	AUG '74	PERCENT CHANGE
IMPORTS	(IN \$MIL) FROM AUG'73	
AGRICULTURAL GOODS	697.5	PLUS 16.5
CONSUMER NON-DURABLES	142.8	PLUS 26.9
DURABLES	101.0	MINUS 11.0
INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES	3,851.6	PLUS 66.0
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	320.3	PLUS 15.3
IRON ORE	185.1	PLUS 32.8
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STEEL SCRAP	50.0	PLUS 42.6
SOYBEANS	62.6	MINUS 12.4
LUMBER	301.6	PLUS 1.5
COAL	277.1	PLUS 147.2
CRUDE OIL	1,635.9	PLUS 192.5
EXPORTS		
MOTOR VEHICLES	459.5	PLUS 72.7
PASSENGER CARS	293.4	PLUS 58.5

MOTORCYCLES	129.8	PLUS 91.3
IRON AND STEEL	1,011.0	PLUS 145.7
CHEMICALS	439.2	PLUS 138.7
SHIPS	414.6	PLUS 73.2

5. CUSTOMS EXPORTS TO U.S.:

FOODSTUFFS	21.7	MINUS 3.9
FISH & SHELLFISH	18.3	MINUS 2.3
COTTON FABRICS	2.8	PLUS 48.0
SYNTHETIC TEXTILES	10.1	PLUS 19.1
CLOTHING	15.5	MINUS 27.0
CHEMICALS	73.7	PLUS 317.5
IRON & STEEL	189.0	PLUS 184.4
METAL PRODUCTS	77.5	PLUS 81.7
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	21.8	MINUS 17.5
TV'S	23.5	MINUS 0.3
RADIOS	43.5	MINUS 17.5
MOTOR VEHICLES	195.4	PLUS 90.0
MOTORCYCLES	79.9	PLUS 91.0
OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS		
(INCLUDING CAMERAS)	37.8	PLUS 27.9
TAPE RECORDES	30.1	MINUS 8.5

6. CUSTOMS IMPORTS FROM U.S.:

FOODSTUFFS	178.6	PLUS 21.6
BEEF	3.3	MINUS 73.0
FISH & SHELLFISH	4.8	MINUS 55.9
WHEAT	35.5	PLUS 66.1
FEED CORN	62.8	PLUS 30.4
SORGHUM	23.7	PLUS 83.2
RAW COTTON	23.3	PLUS 164.0
METAL MATERIALS	44.9	MINUS 3.0
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SOYBEANS	55.0	PLUS 0.5
LUMBER	86.0	MINUS 5.7
CHEMICALS	82.0	PLUS 41.3
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	29.1	PLUS 34.7
AIRCRAFT	6.8	MINUS 62.4
NON-FERROUS METALS	16.2	MINUS 34.6
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7. CRUDE OIL IMPRTS ON CUSTOMS BASIS WERE 22.7 MIL
KILOLITERS FOR TOTAL VALUE \$1,636 MIL. THIS COMPARES WITH
25.6 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$1,834 MIL IN JULY AND 18.8
MIL KILOLITERS AND \$559 MIL IN AUG 73.

8. FOLLOWING DATA BY LEADING AUTO MANUFACTURING FIRMS
MAY BE OF INTEREST: TOYOTA MOTORS CO. REPORTS VEHICLE
EXPORTS IN AUG OF 61,981 UNITS, UP 21.2 PERCENT FROM
AUG 73, AND PRODUCTIN OF 128,676 AUTOMOBILES, DOWN
29.4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER. PRODUCTION OF
200,000 AUTOMOBILES IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. NISSAN
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MOTORS CO., JAPAN'S SECOND LARGEST PRODUCER, REPORTS
EXPORTS OF 76,216 VEHICLES, UP 63 PERCENT FROM AUG

73. EXPORTS TO U.S. WERE 25,259 UNITS, AUSTRALIA
5,954, AND REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA 5,049. PRODUCTION
TOTALLED 115,322 VEHICLES, DOWN 25 PERCENT FROM AUG A
YEAR AGO.
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